

Claims

5 1. A method of performing a video simulation on a computer having user input means (10, 12), processing means (2), display means (7) and selective video clip retrieval means (16, 18). comprising:

- 10 a. displaying on said display means a plurality of parameter options (S1-S7);
b. receiving via said user input means a selection of one of said parameter options (S1-S8);
c. displaying in response to the selection of one of said parameter options a set of parameter values (I1-I6; F1-F9);
d. receiving via said user input means (10; 12) a selection of one of said set of parameter values (I1-I6; F1-F9);
e. selecting, on the basis of at least said selected parameter value and on a random or pseudo-random determination, a video clip (V) via said video retrieval means (16; 18); and
f. displaying said video clip (V) on said display means (7).
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20 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein steps a to d are performed for more than one of said plurality of parameter options (S1-S8).

25 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein steps a to d are performed for each of said plurality of parameter options (S1-S8).

30 4. A method according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein said video clip (V) is selected on the basis of one or more predetermined rules dependent on said selected parameter values (I1-I6; F1-F9).

5. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein the set of parameter values for one of said parameter options is selected from a superset of possible parameter values, dependent on the selection of a parameter value of another one of said parameter options.

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6. A method according to any preceding claim, including displaying a preceding video clip (V) on said display means (7) before step f, wherein said video clip (V) is further selected on the basis of user input actuations during said preceding video clip (V).

7. A method according to claim 6, including displaying variable indicia (L1-L9) on said display means in combination with said preceding video clip (V).

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8. A method according to any preceding claim, including displaying variable indicia (P1-P9) indicating the progress of the video clip (V).

12 9. A method of performing a video simulation on a computer having user input means (10, 12), processing means (2), display means (7) and selective video clip retrieval means (16, 18), comprising:

- 15 a. retrieving and displaying a first video clip (V);
 b. displaying indicia (L1-L9) during the display of the first video clip (V);
 and
 c. in response to a user actuation via the user input means (10, 12), varying the display of the indicia (L1-L9) while continuing to display the first video clip (V);
 d. wherein a second video clip (V) is selected from a plurality of possible second video clips for display after the first video clip (V), in dependence on said user actuation.

20 25 10. A method according to claim 9, further including displaying variable indicia (P1-P9) indicating the progress of the first video clip.

30 11. A method of performing a video fishing simulation on a computer having user input means (10, 12), processing means (2), display means (7) and selective video clip retrieval means (16, 18), comprising:

- a. receiving (S80), from a user, a selection of one or more possible parameters relating to fishing equipment;

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- b. displaying (S110) a first video clip (V) representing the start of a current fishing activity;
 - c. determining (S130, S150) whether it is possible to catch a fish during the current fishing activity according to the selection of parameters, and if so,
 - d. displaying (S160) an indication that a bite has been achieved;
 - e. determining (S170) whether a user interaction has taken place within a predetermined time after the bite has been achieved; and if so,
 - f. displaying (S190) a second video clip (V) representing a fish being caught;
 - g. displaying, during said second video clip, indicia which are variable in response to a user input; and
 - h. determining (S200) an outcome of the simulation based on said user input.
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15 12. A computer program arranged to perform the method according to any preceding claim.

20 13. A carrier bearing a computer program according to claim 12.

25 14. A carrier according to claim 13, additionally bearing a plurality of video clips (V) from which said video clip (V) and/or said preceding video clip (V) may be selected.